

## VOTER REGISTRATION COMMISSION[821]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 48A.39 and 17A.3, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 3, “Lists of Registered Voters,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment is intended to define the term “political purposes” under Iowa Code section 48A.39. This definition clarifies a wide range of legitimate uses, including those typically undertaken by political parties, academic institutions, and media organizations.

Public comment must be received by December 15, 2015. Written suggestions or comments should be directed to Eric Gookin, Election Administrator, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-7550 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 48A.39.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 821—3.2(48A) as follows:

### **821—3.2(48A) Request for list.**

**3.2(1) Requests.** A request for a list of registered voters may be made in writing on a Specifications for Voter List form submitted to either a county commissioner or the state registrar. A commissioner or the registrar may accept a request for a list made via telephone provided the commissioner or registrar is confident that both the requester and the commissioner or registrar clearly understand the specifics of the request and provided the requester agrees that the voter registration information will only be used for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 48A.39. If a request is unclear or ambiguous, the commissioner or registrar may require that the request be submitted in writing.

**3.2(2) Definition.** The term “political purpose” means research, advocacy, or education relating to the election, administration, or governance of public policies or officials.